

The first regular meeting of the Board for 1876 - 1877 was held in the Library-room, on Saturday afternoon April 1st 1876.

Present, J. B. Van Bergen, O. D. Shepherd, Geo. D. Conch, E. M. Peck, J. W. Lathrop, and E. Francis.

Minutes of Special Meeting were read and adopted. The President appointed the following standing Committees for the year:

Com. on Books,

E. Francis, E. M. Peck, O. D. Shepherd, J. R. Lathrop,

Com. on Lectures,

J. W. Lathrop, J. R. Lathrop, E. Francis, O. D. Shepherd,

Com. on Printing and Stationery,

Geo. D. Conch, E. C. Hamden, J. W. Lathrop,

Com. on Rooms,

E. C. Hamden, E. M. Peck, R. Manville.

The Treasurer submitted his bond for the year giving as sureties Mr. Bowers and Mr. Johnson, approved.

On Motion, the bill for Sherman \$7.50 was voted paid. Lecture Com. asked for instructions on the subject of securing a lecture from J. A. Clark Esq, on "Coal and its formation". That gentleman having offered his services to the Assocn for half of net proceeds of Lecture.

On Motion the Com. was authorized to close with the gentleman's offer, and to appoint a suitable time and place for the delivery of the lecture.

The Lecture Com. also asked the sentiment of the Board on the question of having a home lecture course during the coming winter; the lecturer to precede the regular course of the season. The Board apparently favored the idea, but left the matter entirely with the Com. for further disposition.

Mrs Geo. Pater was elected a Subscribing Member of the Assocn.

Adjourned

E. Francis.

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